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ABSTRACT

This statistical handbook contains 378 tables and charts illustrating the changes in the United States' aging population based on data collected during the 1990 census and several other surveys. The tables and charts are organized by topic as follows: demographics (age and sex distribution, life expectancy, race and ethnicity, geographic distribution and mobility, aging around the world); social characteristics (living arrangements and martial status, households, housing, and informal supports, education, social attitudes and activities, victimization and abuse of the elderly, other social problems); health status (health assessment, diseases and disabilities, death rates and causes of death, health care access and utilization, hospitals and nursing homes, health insurance coverage); employment (labor force participation, unemployment, retirement trends and pensions); economic conditions (sources of income, income and assets, living costs, poverty); expenditures for the elderly (overview of expenditures, Social Security, health care expenditures, public and private pensions, and veterans). Also listed are a glossary, a list of table/chart sources, a subject index, and the addresses of 12 relevant information resources and U.S. Census Bureau telephone contacts for data users requiring general information and/or information on business economics, demographics, geographic concepts, government, housing, income, poverty and wealth, international statistics, and the labor force. (MN)

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